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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph C. Merek

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joseph C. Merek.

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(2) Joseph M. Gorski.

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Date of Interview: 12 March 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Gorski telephoned the examiner to inquire as to why claim 10 was objected to as being allowable if written in independent form. The examiner informed Mr. Gorski that it was the combination of the at least one protrusion and the adhesive holding the sleeve on the container. Mr. Gorski informed the examiner that a new drawing would be filed with regard to the 1.83(a) drawing objection where the annular protrusion was not shown. Mr. Gorski also informed the examiner that he would amend the specification to clarify the sleeve is held on by the combination of the adhesive and the at least one protrusion. This was in original Fig. 6.